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1. Russian minesweepers

- a. Only minesweepers remain in the Neptunwerft receiving final touches. Vessel [ ] put in [ ] and left again [ ] for an unknown destination after its radio had received over-haul.

- b. These vessels are believed to have originated [ ] as repair workers in the engine rooms noticed a number of metal plates on the engines and portions of machinery giving their place of manufacture [ ]

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2. Ice breaker ALYESHA POPOVICH

- a. This vessel is still receiving attention in the shipyard, as defects in her steering system became apparent.
- b. In addition to the faults in her steering gear, it has been found that the stern tube stuffing box (Stoffbuchse) on the mainshaft is not watertight. Attempts will be made to remedy this defect without putting the vessel into dry dock.

3. S.S. KURA

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This vessel is still in the floating dock and repairs to her mainshaft are still not completed. [ ] the mainshaft was replaced but, after being tested, was found still to have too much play and has, therefore, been taken out again.

4. S.S. SAAR

This former [ ] auxiliary warship is still undergoing derusting in the yard. In addition, parts of her superstructure are being removed for renewal. This vessel is still known in the yard as the SAAR although she has no name plate on her and the origin of this name cannot be traced.

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5. S.S. MUDYUG

The new section of the bow has now been completed. No difficulty occurred during the fitting. She is still in the Neptunwerft.

6. New construction

The ribs and keel of a new merchant ship are being laid down in the shipyard. The vessel is to be constructed on the new way and is expected to weigh approximately 3000 BRT.

7. Fish luggers

The construction of these vessels continues at a much slower pace. About six new boats are started every month. The reason for the slackening off in the building tempo is the transference of workers and material to the construction of the new 3,000-ton freighter.

8. With the exception of the above-mentioned minesweepers, no naval vessels put into or left Rostock

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